



2005 Agency Award Winners

Environmental Stewardship

The Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes employees or teams who perform their job duties in a manner that results in a positive measurable or qualitative impact to the environment.

Individual Winner

Bridget Mason

Washington
Conservation Corps, SEA

★ Bridget is an environmental education outreach specialist with the Washington Conservation



Bridget

Corps. Bridget was nominated for this award for her work to turn the WCC into a virtually paperless program. Bridget identified processes that needlessly consumed large quantities of paper and instigated steps to eliminate that waste.

★ Bridget created an Excel timesheet for crews and interns to submit electronically. The timesheets are merged into one document and printed out on a single sheet of paper, eliminating the waste of one ream of paper each month. At Bridget’s prompting, WCC’s quarterly newsletter is now emailed to over 100 Ecology staff members, saving nearly a ream of paper per issue. She is currently working to reduce the number of paper copies needed for approximately 500 applications the WCC receives each year for crew positions by making them available electronically.

★ The nominator states “Bridget has brought our program into the 21st Century.”

Team Winners

Kathleen Enseñat, Team lead, HQ-WR; Judy Beitel, HQ-WR; Wendy Bolender, HQ-WR; Brad Caldwell, HQ-WR; Lynne Geller, HQ-WR; Tera Hegy, WDFW; Rebecca Inman, HQ-WR; Thom Lufkin, HQ-WR; Dave Nazy, HQ-WR; Steve North, AG Office; Phil Wiatrak, SWRO-SEA; Shidong Zhang, Rules Unit

Quilcene/Snow
Instream Flow
Rule Team

★ This team has been developing the first instream flow rule for the Quilcene/ Snow basin, one of the 16 fish-critical basins for instream flow. Ecology often faces opposition to setting flows because it limits the water available for development and other new water uses.

★ This team developed sound policies and regulatory language to protect instream resources and to govern future water allocation decisions. They worked extensively with the watershed planning unit to explain the rule to the community, dispel misconceptions, and to receive public feedback before rule language was formally proposed.

★ The team spans three Ecology programs and three state agencies. The nominator stated, “This is the first team formed to conduct this type of rule-making, and as such has pioneered the interdisciplinary concept necessary to complete this work.”

Kathleen



Judy



Wendy



Lynne



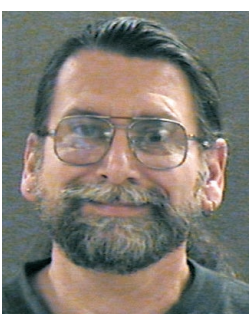
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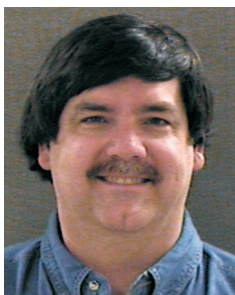
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